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I think the proposed settlement for the Microsoft Antitrust case is a mockery of the American Judicial system. In essence, their penalty would be to donate antiquated Hardware (computers), Microsoft brand Software and a measly sum of money to the only remaining sector of American life that is currently outside the scope of their monopoly, the education market.

This settlement would, in the long run, serve to benefit Microsofts interest by opening the door for them into an as yet untapped market. A market that has been served faithfully and reliably for years by their only true competitor, Apple Computer. Furthermore, this settlement may damage, and even drive out of business their rivals. Practically granting Microsoft a government approved, total monopoly of the Software market.

Microsoft's case is consumer based. Yet their proposed settlement revolves around the education market. They are attempting to manipulate the Courts in order to serve their goals. It is the most disgusting display of predatory business practice I have seen from Microsoft to date. Microsoft started out by mistreating and misleading consumers. But now they have grown up, and are disrespecting our Courts.

I believe the original penalty, a split up of Microsoft, was a fair and beneficial to our society. Microsoft makes to much of a profit to be affected by any financial penalties. I urge you, in the name of fair business practice, and for the good of our consumers, reinstate the Split and send a message that we will not tolerate abusive corporations in the United States of America.

Thank You,

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